



TWINEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held at Twineham School, Twineham on Monday 15th May 2023 commencing at 7:15 pm

Present: Councillors Mrs A. Hirst (Chairman), Mrs F. Jones, Mrs J. Veaney and Mr C. Worsley.
Mid Sussex District Councillor G. Zeidler.
Mayfield Market Town Representative A. Scott.
Clerk Mrs D. Langston.
3 members of the public who left after item 35.23.
1 member of the public who left after item 37.23

29.23 To elect the Chairman of the Parish Council. Cllr A. Hirst was nominated by Cllr F. Jones, seconded by Cllr J. Veaney, and duly elected as Chairman of the Parish Council. Councillor C. Worsley was nominated by Councillor F. Jones, seconded by Cllr J. Veaney, and elected as Vice-Chairman.

30.23 Apologies for absence were received from Twineham Councillor Mrs C. Murphy.

31.23 To receive declarations of interest from Members in respect of any matter on the agenda. Cllr Worsley declared an interest in both DM/23/1184 and DM/23/0796. Councillor Hirst declared an interest in DM/23/1184.

32.23 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th March 2023. Minutes were agreed by Council and were signed by the Chairman.

33.23 Matters arising from previous Minutes not covered on the agenda.

59.1.22 Noticeboard in Wineham Lane. Councillor Worsley confirmed this has now been removed.

82.22 Flower beds round War Memorial. Councillor Veaney and Councillor Jones will carry out a tidy up of the flower beds.

11.1.23 Disposal of fingerposts. This item remains ongoing.

24.1.23 Bus shelter repair updates. Clerk confirmed damaged panel has now been replaced although both shelters have sustained some graffiti vandalism.

24.2.23 Litter. Litter tongs were ordered by the Clerk and have now been delivered to Councillor Hirst. Several litter picks have taken place.

34.23 To agree Council's response to the following planning matters and receive an update on enforcement issues:

Due to a declared interest Councillor Worsley left the meeting at this point.

DM/23/0796 Land Adjacent to Bolney Substation, Bob Lane, Twineham. Construction and operation of a battery energy storage system together with all associated equipment, ancillary infrastructure, and landscaping. Council agreed to object to the application. Concerns include highways management and safety issues.

DM/23/1184 On Land at Coombe Farm, Bob Lane, Twineham. Construction and operation of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), and associated infrastructure, with landscaping, drainage, and access. Council agreed to object to the application. Concerns include location, highways management, destruction of ancient hedgerow, working hours and safety issues.

Councillor Worsley returned to the meeting at this point.

35.23 Councillor Hirst gave an update on the Rampion Off-Shore Windfarm consultation. Meeting held at The Royal Oak, Wineham on Monday 15th May 2023. No traffic management scheme planned. Rampion are carrying out the consultation, however National Grid will have the final say on which type of switchgear is used either air or gas. Council will submit a response to the consultation requesting working hours be in line with MSDC planning conditions to protect the amenities of local houses.

36.23 Mid Sussex District Councillor G. Zeidler updated on the following items:

- 9th July 2023 will be the opening of the new toilet at Twineham Church.
- Councillor Ziedler has met with Councillor Hirst and Councillor Hanley, Bolney to receive an update on Rampion and the relative battery farm applications.
- Downland Villages new ward covers a vast number of rural parishes in an area between Pyecombe, Ansty and Goddard Green.
- MSDC Councillors recently elected are as follows, 20 Liberal Democrats, 18 Conservatives, 5 Independent members, 4 Green Party Councillors and 1 Labour member.
- District Plan is now out of date. 5-year period expired on 25th March 2023 although policies remain valid appeals are already being received.
- Waiting for publication of Levelling up Bill.
- Intention to provide a monthly report to all parishes.

Mid Sussex District Councillor G. Zeidler left the meeting at this point.

37.23 To receive an update on Highways Matters.

61.1.22 SID. This item remains ongoing. Clerk will investigate the requirements for setting up a Speedwatch Team.

75.1.20 Hedge cutting in Bob Lane. Clerk will ask Councillor Dennis to investigate this matter.

82.22 Hedge cutting in Church Lane. Council will raise a letter to the landowner.

5.1.23 Painting arrows on A2300. Clerk will raise this matter with Councillor Dennis.

5.1.23 Flooding in Bob Lane. Priority jetting works were raised with the works expected by the end of March. Council will continue to monitor this matter.

17.23 Resurfacing in Twineham Lane. Council will continue to raise this matter with Councillor Dennis.

17.23 Speeding in rural lanes. Council will contact Councillor Dennis regarding an application for blanket 40 mph in speed limit on all parish lanes.

38.23 Councillor C. Murphy was nominated as the Council's representatives to Mid Sussex Association of Local Councils.

39.23 Financial Matters

39.1.23.1 To carry out a review of the system of internal control and prepare the Annual Governance Statement. Council reviewed the internal control system and prepared the Annual Governance Statement. Council will increase the deposit account to £10,000 (ten thousand pounds).

39.2.23 To decide and approve the appointment of the Internal Auditor 2023/2024. Council resolved to appoint April Skies Accounting as their Internal Auditor.

39.3.23 To accept all Standing Orders, previously circulated. All Standing Orders were accepted by council.

39.4.23 Payments raised since last meeting:

£420.95 WSCC Invoice 8001671145 Salary & Pension

£ 63.58 SLCC Annual Renewal

£121.80 D. Langston Litter Tong Purchase

£ 13.50 D. Langston Administration Expenses

£420.95 WSCC Invoice 8001676724 Salary & Pension

£ 97.92 WSCC invoice n8001676800 Payroll Provision

£677.49 WSCC Invoice 8001681991 Salary & Pension

39.5.23 To receive and approve the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31st March 2023. The accounting statements were approved and signed by the Chairman.

40.23 To confirm date of next meeting as Monday 10th July 2023

41.23 Any other business (*Please note that no decisions may lawfully be made under this item but matters may be discussed which involve no more than an exchange of information*)